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1. The Commander, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) is delegated authority to award the Bronze Star Medal and Army Commendation Medal to assigned or attached USSOCOM U.S. Army Soldiers deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. This authority may be further delegated to the Commander, United States Army Special Operations Command.
2. The authority to award wartime awards will be reviewed regularly as the tactical situation dictates and automatically terminates 180 days after completion of combat operations.
3. Wartime award recommendations for members of other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign military personnel must be forwarded to HRC for consideration.
4. Recommendations for award of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star and Legion of Merit (for actions performed in the combat theater) will be forwarded to USA HRC for further processing.
5. Recommendations for the Purple Heart, combat badges (Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Medical Badge, and Combat Action Badge) will be forwarded to HRC for consideration.
6. Recommendations for unit awards will be forwarded to HRC for consideration.
7. To preserve the integrity of the Army awards program and to ensure meaningful recognition for truly deserving Soldiers, special care should be exercised so that military decorations for meritorious and valorous achievement or service are only approved for those Soldiers who truly distinguish themselves from among their comrades by exceptional performance in combat or in support of combat operations.
8. Awards presented in recognition of service for valor and achievement must be accurately recorded to ensure data is captured for historical and policy evaluation purposes. The number of decorations awarded will be included in a monthly report indicating awards presented by category (valor, service, or achievement) and by component (active, reserve, and national guard). Also a by-name alphabetical listing of all valor awards should be incorporated. Reports must be forwarded to the Military Awards Branch (awards@hoffman.army.mil) in a timely manner. The initial report must be submitted no later than 15 Dec 05 and should cover the period from the date of the message through 30 Nov 05. A report is required to be submitted monthly thereafter NLT the 15th of the following month.
9. For clarification of guidance provided contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil or DSN 221-9171, Comm (703) 325-9171.